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I would add that they are also under an administrative order related to their WW plant, and that IHS has funded a project to make immediately-needed improvements to the plant. Also, they've lost two key staff. Alyssa Macy's last day is October 12, and last week their water plant operator Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Fortunately, they were grooming another water plant operator, Ronnie Palmer, who works for Chico Holliday.

Important context for the OGC attorneys is that the combination of infrastructure challenges the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs face would be difficult for any small community of ~4,000 people, but it's exacerbated by the local economic conditions and the headwind that present in restoring the strong organizational capacity that this Tribe once had.

Attached is the last briefing I wrote for internal EPA purposes, but keep in mind that it just discusses water. You can feel free to use it or steal from this email, and please let me know if you need more information on the wastewater situation.

Please let me know if I can help in any other way.

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Hi Mat,

Heads up and request to share your briefing paper with Richard Mednick, one of our attorneys who is helping us explore options to address a newly dug landfill pit at Warm Springs. He is prepping for a call with OGC about the landfill.

I have talked with him generally about the DW priorities and capacity issues at Warm Springs and have provided him the following below. But your paper would help fill in the details.

The Tribe's current priority is to address serious challenges with the community water system. The Tribe obtains its drinking water from the Deschutes River. The current drinking water system is old and there have been operational deficiencies and distribution line failures. This past summer the tribe declared a state of emergency, after a series of boil water alerts. The tribe relied upon bottled water, hauled water and portable showers for

much of the summer. EPA Region 10 has issued orders under the SDWA and the tribe is working toward compliance. The Tribe is making progress and the boil water notice was lifted in August. Safe drinking water is flowing again, however all involved expect further problems until a new treatment facility is built, which is at least 5 years out.

The Tribe has very limited financial and staffing resources. Substantial grants and resources have been identified for the Tribe to address the water and landfill issues, but there are not enough experienced/qualified personnel to apply and manage the grants. The Tribe is also experiencing challenges with its wastewater treatment facility, provision of environmentally safe housing and with overall economic development in a rural area.

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